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STEPS

FOR SISCO FROM HARTMANN

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1. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD REPLY POSITIVELY TO ,ITSIOS' REQUEST
FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING THE TURKS AND TURKISH
CYPRIOTS BACK TO THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATING TABLE. WE
WOULD NOT WANT TO GET OUT AHEAD OF WALDHEIM SINCE GETTING
THE TALKS STARTED IS ESSENTIALLY HIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER,
MACOMBER MIGHT BE INSTRUCTED TO EXPLORE WITH ESENBEL
TURKISH CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE VENUE AND LEVEL OF
TALKS.

2. I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD PRESS THE TURKS FOR AN
OPENING SESSION IN NEW YORK, BUT WE COULD REMIND ESENBEL
THAT THE GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE A LEGITIMATE PROBLEM

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IN FINDING A PLACE WHERE CYPRUS HAS A DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO

HANDLE COMMUNICATIONS. IF GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS AGREE TO TALKS IN GENEVA THERE SEEMS NO GOOD REASON WHY TURKEY SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT SUCH A VENUE. HOWEVER, IF THEY DO NOT ACCEPT GENEVA WE COULD ASK WHAT OTHER SUGGESTIONS THEY HAVE OTHER THAN VIENNA OR TEHRAN.

3. IT WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO SUGGEST IN A LOW KEY WAY THAT THE TURKS SHOULD SUPPORT RESUMPTION OF TALKS, AT LEAST INITIALLY, AT THE DENKTASH-CLERIDES LEVEL. A LOWER LEVEL WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN THE EMOTIONAL NATIONALIST PAPADAPoulos REPLACING A FLEXIBLE AND REALISTIC CLERIDES ON THE GREEK SIDE. BITSIOS MAKES A GOOD POINT IN NOTING THAT CLERIDES AS ACTING PRESIDENT DID NOT OBJECT TO NEGOTIATING WITH DENKTASH AND THAT BOTH ARE RECOGNIZED AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES.

4. WITH REGARD TO MACOMBER'S TELEGRAM ON NEXT STEPS, MY FIRST REACTION (NOT YET HAVING CRAWFORD'S COMMENT) IS THAT THERE IS NO PRESENT ALTERNATIVE TO A RESUMPTION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT-TURKISH CYPRIOT TALKS, SUPPORTED AS SOON AS A SUITABLE FRAMEWORK IS ESTABLISHED BY DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE KIND THAT THE AEGEAN ISSUE OFFERS. MEANWHILE WE COULD CONTINUE OUR OWN EFFORTS TO MOVE THE TURKS TOWARD A PACKAGE NEGOTIATION. LUNS AS A MEDIATOR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE GREEKS, AND ANY SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS.

5. WITH THE GREEKS EAGER TO MOVE AHEAD, THE MAIN PROBLEM NOW IS THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO NEGOTIATE. ANY SUBSTANTIAL MOVEMENT IS PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT, WITH STRONG PARTY BACKING, IS FORMED. MEANWHILE, MACOMBER SHOULD DO WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TURKISH CONSENSUS THROUGH HIS CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS, SUPPORTED AS APPROPRIATE BY MESSAGES FROM YOU.

6. AS NEXT STEPS I SUGGEST THAT: (A) MACOMBER BE INSTRUCTED TO EXPLORE WITH ESENBEL HIS VIEWS ON THE VENUE AND LEVEL FOR A RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS; (B) KUBISCH BE
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INSTRUCTED TO INFORM BITSIOS THAT THE SECRETARY HAS ALREADY SENT A MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM STRESSING THE NEED FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND THAT MACOMBER WILL BE EXPLORING WITH THE TURKS THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PLACE AND LEVEL FOR THOSE TALKS; HE SHOULD ALSO URGE MAXIMUM GREEK FLEXIBILITY ON VENUE. (C) IF A NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS FORMED THE SECRETARY COULD SEND MESSAGES TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN

MINISTER URGING THAT THEY SEIZE THIS FAVORABLE MOMENT TO PRESS AHEAD TOWARD A SETTLEMENT THAT MEETS TURKISH REQUIREMENTS; (D) WHETHER OR NOT THE GOVERNMENTAL IMPASSE CONTINUES, MACOMBER COULD BE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW UP THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ANKARA BY KEEPING PARTY LEADERS' ATTENTION DIRECTED TOWARD THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A CONSENSUS POSITION THAT WOULD PERMIT NEGOTIATIONS TO MOVE FORWARD;

(E) MEANWHILE WE WOULD PRESS FOR SUFFICIENT SENATE ACTION ON RESTORING TURKISH MILITARY AID TO SUPPORT MACOMBER'S EFFORTS IN ANKARA TO RESTRAIN TURKISH REACTIONS. INGERSOLL

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